

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

<b>1) Name and Title of Person Submitting the Request:</b>  Morgen Johnson, CNS, Bellin Health		<b>2) Date When Request Submitted:</b>  Referred by Medical Examining Board at 12/21/2016 MEB meeting	
		Items will be considered late if submitted after 4:30 p.m. and less than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 10 work days before the meeting for Medical Board</li> <li>▪ 14 work days before the meeting for all others</li> </ul>	
<b>3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections:</b>  Council on Physician Assistants			
<b>4) Meeting Date:</b>  4/19/2017	<b>5) Attachments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page?</b>  PA Scope of Practice and Delegation - Discussion	
<b>7) Place Item in:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<b>8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? If yes, who is appearing?</b>  No	<b>9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:</b>	
<b>10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:</b>  <p>At its 12/21/2016 meeting, the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board reviewed this correspondence and decided to refer it to the PA Council for review.</p> <p>Attn: State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board:</p> <p>The current revision of Chapter N6 specifies a "provider" as: "a physician, podiatrist, dentist, optometrist or advanced practice nurse provider". With the addition of "advanced practice nurse provider" I asked the Wisconsin Board of Nursing: 1. How does this effect physician assistant (PA) delegation to an RN, LPN or unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) – i.e. medical assistants? 2. Did you intend with the update that the current N6 would read that PA's cannot delegate to RNs, LPNs, UAPs? The response that I received back from the WI Board of Nursing was (italicized below): <i>The Board intended to not include physician assistants in the definition of provider in order to not be in conflict with the Medical Examining Board rule. Med 8.07 Practice. (1) SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS. In providing medical care, the entire practice of any physician assistant shall be under the supervision of one or more licensed physicians or physicians exempt from licensure requirements pursuant to s. 448.03 (2) (b), Stats. The scope of practice is limited to providing medical care as specified in sub. (2). A physician assistant's practice may not exceed his or her educational training or experience and may not exceed the scope of practice of the physician providing supervision. A medical care task assigned by the supervising physician to a physician assistant may not be delegated by the physician assistant to another person. (emphasis added)</i> The Board of Nursing then directed me to the WI Medical Examining Board, where I received the following response (italicized below from DSPS): <i>Credential holders are responsible for their own professional practice and for compliance with the law. The Department is unable to answer questions regarding: • Potential or ongoing litigation • Billing issues • Business advice • Employer/employee disputes • Legal opinions • Scope of practice • Questions involving professional judgment or discretion</i> The Department's website provides a wide range of materials to assist credential holders, as well as the public, in answering questions about the practice of the various professions. These materials include the relevant Wisconsin Statutes, Wisconsin Administrative Code, formal disciplinary orders, meeting minutes, and frequently asked practice questions (Position Statements) developed for many of the professions. The address for the Department's website is <a href="http://dsps.wi.gov">http://dsps.wi.gov</a>. To find the resources available on this website, please select the Board you are inquiring about from this list, then look for the Statutes and Administrative Codes and/or Position Statements: Board Council Listing If after reviewing the website and materials you still have questions, you may submit an item for consideration at a Board or Council meeting by using the following link and filling in the form: Public Board Agenda Item</p>			

Upon review of the above information, it is not clearly stated within the statutes, administrative codes, or position statements if/what a PA can delegate to RNs/LPNs/unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) – i.e. medical assistants. Judging by what is currently provided in Chapter N6 and Chapter Med 8, the delegation from PA to RN/LPN/UAP is questionable. For some of us, this would be a great change in practice – so I have continued to seek **clarification**. I have attached copies of both Chapter N6 and Chapter Med 8 highlighting the recent changes or pieces in question. Can you please provide **clarification** on this matter?

For Council Reference, please see:

<Chapter Med 8 PA WI Admin Code.pdf>

<Chapter N6 RN-LPN Oct2016.pdf>

Thank you for your time and attention, Morgen Johnson, MSN, RN

**11) Authorization**

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**Signature of person making this request**

**Date**

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**Supervisor (if required)**

**Date**

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**Bureau Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda)    Date**